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FM AMEMBASSY SANA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6936

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE

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S E C R E T SANA 3512

DAMASCUS OR AMMAN PASS TO ASST. SEC. ATHERTON

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MASS, YE, SA

SUBJECT: US LETTERS OF OFFER FOR YAR

REF: SANA 3454 AND PREVIOUS, STATE 292961 (REPEATED TO  
DAMASCUS AND AMMAN)

1. VERY PLEASED WITH STATE REFTEL REPORT THAT DOD IS  
EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF ADDING TO YAR IMPACT PACKAGE AND  
ALSO OF SPEEDING UP DELIVERIES WHERE POSSIBLE. ALSO  
AGREE THAT THERE IS NO USEFUL PURPOSE AT THIS TIME IN  
OFFERING SAG NEW LETTERS OF OFFER.

2. OUR WILLINGNESS TO GO FURTHER AND FASTER THAN INDICATED  
OF FOUR SMALL LETTERS OF OFFER ISSUED IN MID-SUMMER OF 1975  
SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO SAUDIS DURING VISIT ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY ATHERTON TO JIDDA ON 19 DECEMBER. FACT  
THAT SAUDIS HAVE NOT TABLED DETAILED REQUESTS FOR  
YEMEN IS NO RPT NO INDICATION THEY WOULD NOT WELCOME

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AND ACT ON US SUGGESTION IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

WE SHOULD NOT LOOK TO SAUDIS TO TAKE INITIATIVE IN THIS MATTER, GIVEN LIMITATIONS OF STAFF WORK IN MODA AND VERY DELIBERATE PACE IN SAUDI POLITICAL DECISION MAKING ON POL/MIL QUESTIONS INVOLVING SIZEABLE AMOUNTS OF MONEY.

3. SANA 3454 AND OTHER MESSAGES NOT RPT NOT INTENDED TO CONVEY SUGGESTION THAT USG HAS BEEN UNRESPONSIVE TO YARG MODERNIZATION NEEDS. ON CONTRARY USG IS OUT AHEAD OF SAUDIS IN THIS MATTER. WE DEFINITELY NOT URGING USG FINANCING. PROBLEM NOW IS HOW TO HASTEN SAUDI DECISION ON FUNDING AND GIVE IT THE IMPACT HERE WHICH BOTH WE AND APPARENTLY SAUDIS DESIRE. WE THINK IT WOULD HELP TO HAVE ASST. SECRETARY ATHERTON GIVE SAUDIS SOME DETAILS OF HOW WE MIGHT ADD TO IMPACT PACKAGE AND HOW WE MIGHT SPEED UP DELIVERIES. ALTERNATIVELY, HE COULD TELL SAUDIS THESE DETAILS WILL BE FORTHCOMING ASAP AFTERWARDS.  
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